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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of David G. Johnson of Romeoville, and a former Hinsdale village trustee, on April 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born and raised in Franklin, Indiana; he left high school to join the Marine Corps Artillery Unit and served in the Pacific campaigns and in China during World War II; he was extremely proud of his service in the Marine Corps; he always felt it was an obligation to serve your country, if not in the military, then in some capacity; he passed that all along to everyone in the family; and

WHEREAS, He moved to La Grange after his discharge and completed his high school education at Lyons Township Junior College; in 1946, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, and they moved briefly to Western Springs before settling in Hinsdale in the late 1940s; and

WHEREAS, From 1948 to 1953, he worked full time for Illinois Bell, part-time with Montgomery Ward, and attended DePaul University; he retired in 1981 from Illinois Bell as executive information supervisor and went into public-opinion research at Data Que International as vice-president of information resource planning; soon thereafter, he opened David G. Johnson and Associates from 1983 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, When his wife was stricken with polio in 1954, he relied heavily on the March of Dimes, and after his wife recovered, he did not forget their generosity and emotional support and devoted a large amount of time to the organization and served as chairman of the DuPage County March of Dimes from 1956 to 1959; and

1 WHEREAS, His commitment to the community spread beyond the
2 March of Dimes; from 1959 to 1963, he was a member of the
3 Hinsdale Planning Commission; in 1968, he took on a two-year
4 term as a member of the Hinsdale Park and Recreation Committee;
5 he was elected to the Hinsdale Village Board in 1971 and served
6 for four years; and

7 WHEREAS, He then became a member of the Hinsdale Fire and
8 Police Commission and was the chairman from 1976 to 1981;
9 during that time, he also served on the Hinsdale Foundation;
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11 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was also the former president of the
12 Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and Hinsdale Rotary Club; he was
13 the former chairman of the Hinsdale Junior Achievement Center;
14 he was also heavily involved in the Boy Scout organization and
15 was selected scoutmaster for the National Scout Jamboree in
16 1969; and

17 WHEREAS, After decades of working and commuting to downtown
18 Chicago, Mr. Johnson retired to Mountain Home, Arkansas, in
19 1985; he and his wife later moved to Beason, but settled in
20 Romeoville in 2001; and

21 WHEREAS, The passing of David G. Johnson is felt by all who
22 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Barbara; his sons,
23 Jerry, Jeff, and Jay; his daughters, Katherine Busch and Chris
24 Johnson; his brother, Richard; and his 11 grandchildren and 11
25 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
28 David G. Johnson and extend our sincerest condolences to his
29 family, friends, and community; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy.